Presentations for MEA:

Using a School Garden as an Outdoor Classroom – Jason Mandela from Garden City Harvest

School gardens are often intimidating to teachers who aren't gardeners, but these spaces are much more than just gardens!  They are laboratories, art rooms, writing centers, and windows into human and natural history.  This session will help teachers find ways to use gardens as a place to teach almost any subject.

 From OPI Team Nutrition

Keep Your Eye on the Prize for Boosting Student Success  Often times,   
school personnel motivate students through distribution of classroom >rewards, many of them being foods of low nutritional value (candy,pop, etc.).    This session will provide the facts and ideas to support educators in making a switch to non-food rewards to boost (not burden) student health, improve behavior and enhance learning.  
  
   
Does your Cafeteria Make the Grade in Motivating Students to Make   
Healthy Choices? Based on recent research from Cornell University's Behavioral Economics Center, schools can successfully use low cost, effective strategies to nudge students, even teenagers, to make healthy choices >in the cafeteria.  Join us for a review of this cutting edge topic to create Smarter Lunchrooms, which in turn, supports smarter students and less food waste.

From Carrie Sweatland and Jenny Malloy – MCPS Teachers

Teachers’ Perspective:  Why We Should All Have Food-Free Classroom Celebrations